

News

Task 1 Talking news

- Is it important to you to know what is happening in other countries?
- When was the last time you watched the news on television?
- Do you ever read the news on the internet?
- Do you listen to the news on the radio?
- Do you or your parents buy a newspaper every day?
- Do you think that the internet has changed the way we find out about what's happening in the world?
- Do you always believe everything you see and hear on the news?

Task 2 Advantages and disadvantages

- Which is the best way to find out about what's happening in the world?
- Think of the advantages and disadvantages of these media sources and then decide in your group which one you think is the best.
- Compare your opinions with the other groups.

Television	Internet	Newspapers	Radio
+ Advantages	+ Advantages	+ Advantages	+ Advantages
- Disadvantages	- Disadvantages	- Disadvantages	- Disadvantages

Task 3 Headlines

Look at these newspaper headlines and try to guess or invent the story behind the headline.

Tax chewing gum to pay for clean-up

Happy birthday. We are throwing you out of Britain

4 year olds asked to mark their teachers

Police step up search for body

Ear found on pavement

Television kills, says German professor

Want a dog? Take a personality test

Earthquake kills 500

Task 4 Snappy summaries

- Have a look through some newspapers and find an article that interests you.
- Read it carefully.
- Make a note of the main points.
- Check you have all the vocabulary you need.
- Explain the article to the rest of the class in English.

Task 5 News discussion

“ You can’t believe anything you read in the news.”

“ The media has no respect for the lives of normal people ”

“ All the news you hear is bad news.”

“ Famous people earn a lot of money from being in the news. They shouldn’t complain when they find reporters following them. “

“ We don’t need to see the horrific things that happen in the world. The images on television give us too much detail and invade the privacy of real people. “

“ We need to see what is happening in the world. Visual images are important for us to be able to understand”

“ The world is getting smaller as news is travelling faster.”

“ Within ten years newspapers won’t exist. Internet will replace traditional newspapers.”

“Bad news travels fast”

Task 6 News reporter

- Would you like to be a journalist?
- Imagine you are working for a local newspaper or TV station and have been asked to interview someone. (It could be a politician, musician, model, chef, writer, etc or a normal person who is in the news for some reason)
- Write six questions that you would like to ask them.
- Think of how they may reply to your questions.
- Either write up the interview for a paper or magazine or perform the interview for a news TV programme.